

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

**OFFICIAL WARNING**



**VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

CASE NO.

**MI 11090**

VIOLATOR

**Customer # 38235  
Certificate # 34-C-0297  
Vicki Joan Putnam  
Dakin's Dream A Little Black Bear Sanctuary**

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

**12753 Hall Road  
Ewen, MI 49925**

The Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about **July 27, 2011** you or your organization committed the following violation of Federal Regulations:

**9 CFR, SECTION**

**Failure to**

**2.131 (b)(1)**

- **Handle all animals as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.**

**(On July 18, 2011, a person of the general public was attacked and injured by a bear after entering the bear enclosure to provide them with water.)**

**2.131 (c)(1)**

- **During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public.**

**(On July 18, 2011, insufficient distance and/or barriers were not established between the bear enclosure and general public.)**

Titles 7 & 9 Code of Federal Regulations were promulgated to help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and assure the humane treatment of animals. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impact detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of this violation. Any further violation of these regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or criminal prosecution. If you have any questions concerning this warning or violation, please contact the listed APHIS Official.

APHIS OFFICIAL (Name and Title)

**Elizabeth Goldentyer, DVM**

**Regional Director**

SIGNATURE

DATE ISSUED

FOR PERSONAL SERVICE - RECEIVED BY: (Name and signature)

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